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1. THAILAND

TECHNICAL SCHOOL STUDENTS, FIRING PISTOLS, HURLING
FIREBOMBS, USED STOLEN BUS AS BATTERING RAM WEDNESDAY
TO BREAK THROUGH THAMMASAT U GATES; THEY LOOTED OFFICES,
STORES IN NEIGHBORHOOD, SET FIRE TO SCHOOL'S LAW
BUILDING. DESPITE 24 HOURS OF VIOLENCE BY STUDENTS,
DISGRUNTLED POLICE, SECURITY FORCES AND ORDINARY CITIZENS,
KUKRIT HOLDS FIRM TO PLEDGE TO AVOID WIDESPREAD USE OF
ARMY TO KEEP PEACE (UPI NYDN, NYT). DISSIDENT POLICEMEN
AND CIVILIANS AT LAMPHUN CONTINUED THEIR PROTEST, APPEAR
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TO CONTROL MOST OF TOWN. WHILE INCIDENTS APPEAR
UNRELATED, SOME TECHNICAL STUDENTS SEEN CARRYING WALKIE-
TALKIE RADIOS SIMILAR TO THOSE USED BY POLICE (NYT).

ABOUT 400 THAI SECURITY GUARDS FROM US MIL BASES, ON STRIKE TO SUPPORT MILITARY COMMAND'S DEMANDS FOR BACK PAY, STORMED INTO LABOR DEPT WEDNESDAY, STABBED WOMAN OFFICIAL, TOOK 3 OFFICIALS AS HOSTAGES. TWO AMERICAN BROADCASTING CO EMPLOYEES, ONE AN AMCIT, ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL WITH CUTS, BRUISES AFTER BEING ATTACKED BY CLUB-

WIELDING STUDENTS (CHITRIB).

KUKRIT APPEARED UNDAUNTED BY INCIDENTS AS HE APPEARED LATER IN DAY TO ADDRESS AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT (PHINQ). CSM (BANGKOK) DISPATCH QUOTES VIEW OF OBSERVERS THAT PREMIER EMERGED MORE SECURE THAN EVER IN 5-MONTH TENURE.

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S WOLLACOTT (WP) CITES REPORTS THAT THAI POLICE FORCE FELT DEEPLY DemeanED BY WAY IT WAS CHASED OFF STREETS IN STUDENT UPRISING OF LATE 1973, AND SINCE HAS SEEN ITS POWER AND INFLUENCE FURTHER ERODED BY KUKRIT "CONCESSIONS" TO LEFT. RTG HAS FOR MOMENT POSTPONED VITAL DECISION WHETHER TO CALL IN MILITARY OR BACK DOWN FROM POLICE AND STUDENTS, CREATING PRECEDENT FOR FURTHER DISORDER IN FUTURE.

2. JAPAN

REP WOLFF, ON NBC-TV "TODAY" SHOW THURSDAY, DESCRIBED MEETING WITH MIKI IN TOKYO FEW DAYS AGO. SAID PREMIER MOST SATISFIED WITH WASHINGTON SUMMIT TALKS, VOICED HOPE FOR INTL AGREEMENT AGAINST TERRORISM.

JOC (TOKYO) SAYS FINANCIAL PROBLEMS MAY FORCE SERIES OF MERGERS IN BADLY-FRAGMENTED JAPANESE OIL INDUSTRY, THUS CREATE FIRST FULLY-INTEGRATED JAPANESE "MAJOR". KEY ELEMENT TO MERGERS IN TALKS UNDER WAY AMONG MITI, OIL FIRMS, BANKS SEEMS BE ARABIAN OIL, WHICH PRODUCES FROM CONCESSIONS IN KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA. UNCLASSIFIED

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OIL REFINERIES SAID OPERATING AT ESTIMATED LOSS OF 1.10 DOLLARS/BBL, HALF FOR INTEREST PAYMENTS ON BANK LOANS.

UTAH INTL INC SPOKESMAN SAID WEDNESDAY SUBSIDIARY, UTAH DEVELOPMENT CO, RAISED COKING COAL PRICES FOR JAPANESE CUSTOMERS ABOUT 15 DOLLARS/MT RETROACTIVE TO APRIL 1, 16.50 DOLLARS/MT JULY 1. SUBSIDIARY OWNS, OPERATES, FOUR MINES IN AUSTRALIA, SHIPS MOSTLY TO JAPAN, EUROPE. SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED GOA BUDGET ANNOUNCED TUESDAY INCLUDES 8 DOLLAR/MT EXPORT DUTY ON COKING COAL (WSJ, SAN FRANCISCO).

JAPANESE AUTO MAKERS RAISING EXPORT GOALS TO OFFSET

EXPECTED DECLINE IN DOMESTIC SALES, ACCORDING INDUSTRY SOURCES. TOYOTA BELIEVES 1975 EXPORTS COULD MATCH 1974 EXPORT RECORD OF 856,000 UNITS. TOTAL EXPORTS TO US DECLINED 32 PERCENT IN FIRST HALF, TO 373,000

UNITS; BUT TOYOTA, NISSAN SPOKESMAN PINNING HOPES ON EXPECTED UPTURN IN US DEMAND FOR SMALL, HIGH-MILEAGE CARS (REUTER, CHITRIB).

3. KOREA

REP ASPIN (WISC) WEDNESDAY RELEASED PRELIMINARY DOD FIGURES SHOWING US FIRMS INCREASED FY 75 WEAPONS SALES ABROAD ALMOST 9 PERCENT, TO 9.045 BILLION DOLS. INCLUDES 168 PERCENT INCREASE IN ARMS SALES TO ROK, TO 217.8 MILLION DOLS. ASPIN SAID US CONTINUES "MINDLESS EXPORT" OF HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS TO WHOMEVER ASKS, AT FASTER PACE THAN EVER (AP, CSM).

PARENTS OF 18-YR OLD WENDY HELANDER SUE REV SUN MYUNG MOON'S UNIFICATION CHURCH IN DC SUPERIOR COURT TO RETURN DAUGHTER. JUDGE CONTINUES UNDER ADVISEMENT MOTION TO HOLD CULT IN CONTEMPT FOR FAILURE COMPLY WITH SUPERIOR COURT ORDER TO PRODUCE HER (WP).

4. CHINA

CSM'S HAYWARD, IN NAIROBI, REPORTS MOSCOW/PEKING RIVALRY UNCLASSIFIED

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BEHIND ANGOLAN INTERNAL CONFLICT: NATL FRONT BEING SUPPLIED BY PRC; RIVAL POPULAR MOVEMENT RECEIVES WEAPONRY FROM SOVIETS. PEKING'S WILLINGNESS FINANCE RAIL LINE BETWEEN ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA PLUS TRAIN, ARM MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FORCES HAS GIVEN PRC WELCOME ENTRY, GOOD Foothold IN AFRICA.

MOSCOW NEWSPAPERS REPORTED 8/20 THAT PURGES, DEPORTATIONS FOLLOWED WORKERS' UPRISINGS IN PRC PROVINCES BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THAT RESULTED. TASS COMMENTATOR STATED "INTERNAL TROUBLES IN CHINA ARE A RESULT OF THE POLICIES CARRIED OUT BY MAO TSE-TUNG AND HIS GROUP" (AP, PHINQ).

AZIZ (CSM 8/20) IN PAKISTAN SAYS UPCOMING VACANCY ON UNSC FINDS INDIA, PAKISTAN VYING FOR SEAT. REPORTS OBSERVERS OUTSIDE ISLAMIC COMMUNITY SEE PRC EXTENDING SUPPORT TO PAKISTAN; ALSO SEE PAKISTAN TRYING PRESS US FOR ITS VOTE AS ALLY UNDER CENTO.

TEN-MAN US DELEGATION REPRESENTING 8 ELECTRONICS FIRMS MADE 2-WK PRC VISIT. CHINESE OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY PER-

PLEXED OVER TIGHTNESS US TRADE CURBS, ASKED DELEGATION
URGE USG RELAX THEM. VISITORS FOUND PRC'S ELECTRONICS
RESEARCH "GOOD," BUT STATED COUNTRY'S MANUFACTURING
PROCESSES LAGGING (LAWRENCE, JOC).
MENDIS (CSM) IN SRI LANKA REPORTS PRC WILL SUPPLY PARENT
STOCK OF FISH FOR HATCHERIES NETWORK AS PART OF COLOMBO'S
ECONOMIC AID. TWELVE SRI LANKANS NOW STUDYING FISH CUL-
TURE IN PRC UNDER SAME PROGRAM.

5. INDOCHINA

REUTER (PEKING) CITES SOURCES, SPEAKING BY PHONE FROM
PYONGYANG, THAT SIHANOUK HAS REACHED AGREEMENT WITH
KHIEU SAMPHAN RE HIS RETURN TO CAMBODIA; PRINCE
EXPECTED LEAVE NK THIS WEEK ON FIRST LEG RETURN HOME
(WP). NYT (PEKING) DISPATCH SAYS SIHANOUK EXPECTED
RETURN TO PEKING SHORTLY WITH KHIEU SAMPHAN. PYONGYANG
SOURCES SUGGEST IMPORTANT CONCESSION TO SIHANOUK --
HIS ENTOURAGE PREPARING GO WITH HIM TO CAMBODIA.
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AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMBODIA FACTIONS SEEN RELIEF TO PRC,
WHICH HAD NOT RELISHED PROSPECT OF SHELTERING PRINCE
IN EVENT OF OPEN FALLING-OUT WITH VICTORIOUS KR
INSURGENTS. NYT FRONTPAGES AFP/PICTORIAL PARADE PHOTO
OF TENG HSIAO-PING GREETING PEKING ARRIVAL FRIDAY
OF CAMBODIAN LEADERS.

REFUGEES FROM CAMBODIA REPORT SEVERAL ARMED RESISTANCE
GROUPS CONTINUE FIGHTING AGAINST KR GOVT IN AT LEAST
FOUR PARTS OF COUNTRY. ADD THAT, FOR THEIR PART, KR
TROOPS CONTINUE TO BE THREAT TO REFUGEES. SOME REFUGEES
SAY KR LOOK ON IN TAM AS LEADER OF RESISTANCE; HE
DENIES THIS, BUT SEES POTENTIAL FOR CAMBODIAN RESISTANCE
MOVEMENT REINFORCED BY STRINGENT KR MEASURES. AP'S
CHHAY-BORN LAY, IN BANGKOK, CITES VIEW OF ASIA
ANALYSTS THAT DIEHARDS CANNOT HOPE FOR ENOUGH SUPPORT
AND SUPPLIES TO CARRY ON MUCH LONGER (WP).

THOUSANDS IN LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE HAVE PROTESTED
CORRUPTION IN AREA'S ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM, ACCORDING
LAO PRESSE. DISPATCH SEEN PART OF PL MOVE TO TRANSFER
ADMINISTRATION AWAY FROM RIGHT-WING/NEUTRALIST OFFICIALS
(WP).

RADIO SAIGON REPORTS 3 COLONELS OF FORMER REGIME HAVE
BEEN ARRESTED ON BASIS OF INFO SUPPLIED BY CHILDREN
WHO KNEW OFFICERS' HIDING PLACE (WP).

6. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

UPI FT CHAFFEE ITEM CLAIMS FEDERAL OFFICIALS WEDNESDAY

CURTAILED BEER SALES TO VN REFUGEES IN PX AND SNACK BARS BECAUSE OF ROWDINESS BY GROUPS OF YOUNG BACHELORS CALLED SAIGON COWBOYS." DOS' DON STADER CHARGED THEM

WITH "HARASSING AND HELL-RAISING, DRINKING, PARTYING, BRINGING GIRLS INTO THE BARRACKS"; ADDED, OTHER VN REFUGEES IN BARRACKS WITH FAMILIES "DON'T WANT CHIPPIES ONE WALL NEXT TO THEM" (PHINQ, NYDN).

7. AUSTRALIA
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MILLAR (CSM 8/20) IN CANBERRA REPORTS LIBERAL PARTY LEADER FRASER CLOSER THAN EVER TO BECOMING PM. DISSATISFACTION WITH ALP MAY YET FORCE ELECTION, WHICH WHITLAM SAYS WILL CAUSE HIS GOVT'S DOWNFALL. FRASER SEEN WILLING LET ALP TAKE BRUNT OF NEW BUDGET'S UNPOPULARITY WHILE WORKING ON OWN POLICIES, WELDING TOGETHER SUPPORT AMONG OWN PARTY MEMBERS.

8. MALAYSIA

GOM 8/20 REFUSED REQUEST TO DETAIN US-OWNED CARGO SHIP JUNSANG TRADER, BEING TAKEN TO SAIGON BY ITS VIETNAMESE CREW. FONMIN SPOKESMAN SAID SHIP WAS IN INTL WATERS, GOM COULD NOT DETAIN IT (AP, SUN).

9. PAPUA NEW GUINEA

CSM'S MILLAR REPORTS SOME LEADERS ON BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND PREPARED SECEDE FROM MAINLAND SEPT 1, THOUGH PNG INDEPENDENCE DATE SET FOR SEPT 16. CHIEF MIN SOMARE CONCERNED OVER REVENUE LOSS SHOULD COPPER-RICH BOUGAINVILLE CARRY THROUGH; ALSO FEARS SUCH POLITICAL DISRUPTION MAY ENCOURAGE OTHER SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS, RESULTING IN POSSIBLE NATL DISINTEGRATION. SOMARE'S RECENT MEETING WITH WHITLAM PRODUCED NO PROMISES OF EITHER LONG-OR-SHORT-TERM AUSTRALIAN AID FOR PNG.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. KOREA

HALLORAN (NYT; ABRIDGED IN SUN) HAD TWO-HOUR INTERVIEW WITH PRES PARK WEDNESDAY. PARK SAID IN FIVE YEARS ROK WILL NO LONGER NEED US FORCES OR EVEN LOGISTIC HELP TO DEFEND SELF AGAINST NK ATTACKS WITHOUT CHINESE, SOVIET AID. REMARK SEEN OPENING WAY FOR REDUCTION, EVENTUAL WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS, ON CONDITION ROK ARMED FORCE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM COMPLETED.

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PARK SAID INTER ALIA IS WILLING MEET KIM IL-SUNG TO DISCUSS EASING TENSIONS IF NK LEADER TRULY INTERESTED IN PEACEFUL UNIFICATION; STRONGLY OPPOSES DIRECT US-NK NEGOTIATIONS; HAS BEEN ASSURED MANY TIMES US WILL NOT HAVE ANY NK CONTACT WITHOUT PRIOR ROKG CONSULTATION; SUGGESTED JAPAN GIVE ROK PREFERENTIAL TRADE, ECONOMIC TREATMENT, AS EUR NATIONS DO FOR FORMER COLONIES IN AFRICA; TOLD JAPANESE LEADERS ROK-JAPAN SHOULD HAVE SPECIAL DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP, SINCE BOTH LINKED TO US BY SECURITY TREATIES.

PARK STATED WOULD IMMEDIATELY REPEAL EMERGENCY MEASURES IF NK GIVES UP AIM OF UNIFYING PENINSULA BY FORCE AND VIOLENCE AND ACCEPTS PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE WITH ROK.

PARK ASSERTED ESSENTIAL KEEP US FORCES IN KOREA AT PRESENT LEVEL, AT LEAST UNTIL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM COMPLETED; US FORCES MIGHT BE REDUCED LATER EVEN IF NK RETAINS MIL ALLIANCES INTACT, SO LONG AS US PRESENCE REMAINS TO PREVENT OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES. SUGGESTED US EXAMINE QUESTION OF FUTURE PRESENCE IN TERMS GLOBAL STRATEGY. NOTED INTERESTS OF FOUR BIG POWERS INTERLOCK IN KOREAN PENINSULA, WHERE BALANCE OF POWER SHOULD BE MAINTAINED.

SAID ROK RELATIONS WITH JAPAN STRAINED PAST FEW YEARS SHOWED IMPATIENCE WITH JAPANESE ATTITUDES ON SEVERAL SCORES (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

8. INDOCHINA

CSM FINDS SOMETHING ENDURINGLY FASCINATING" ABOUT SIHANOUK; WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF NEW CAMBODIAN LEADERS, TO INSURE PRC ASSISTANCE IN KEEPING HANOI AT ARM'S LENGTH, WORK OUT WITH PEKING SOME FACE-SAVING

ARRANGEMENT TO SPARE CHINESE AND PRINCE EMBARRASSMENT.

GLOBE CITES REAGAN CHARGE BEFORE VFW CONVENTION MONDAY THAT "HIGH-UPS" PREVENTED US FORCES WINNING
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VN CONFLICT. FEARS IF HE BECOMES FORMAL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, REAGAN LIKELY TO DRAG NATION THROUGH PAINFUL, DESTRUCTIVE RE-ENACTMENT OF ENTIRE VN DEBATE. MAINTAINS END OF WAR REFLECTED REALISTIC REAPPRAISAL OF LIMITS OF US POWER. APPLAUDS GOV BROWN'S

REFUSAL ATTEND VFW CONVENTION.

LOU HARRIS OBSERVES THAT AS VN BEGINS FADE FROM PUBLIC MEMORY, HAK APPEARS RECOUPING HIS POSITION -- NOW HAS FAVORABLE IMAGE (56 PCT TO 40 PCT) WITH AMERICAN PUBLIC. BY NARROW 48 TO 45 PCT, PLURALITY STILL CREDITS KISSINGER WITH NEGOTIATING END TO VN WAR (PHINQ). CSM'SCHMIDT REPORTS HAK IS SAID TO BELIEVE HE WILL BE REMEMBERED IN HISTORY LESS FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR DETENTE, REOPENING RELATIONS WITH PRC, OR EUROPEAN SECURITY, OR ENERGY, THAN FOR WHAT HE DID TO RESTORE PEACE IN VN--AND, HE HOPES, MIDEAST (8/20).

9. THAILAND

SUN DEPLORES LOT OF MEO HILL FOLK IN REMOTE THAI BORDER AREAS. CITES UNHCR EFFORTS WITH THAI AND US AUTHORITIES TO EASE MEO MOVE INTO THAI HILLS, AND US OFFICIALS EXPECTED MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CASH CONTRIBUTION TO ARRANGEMENT. ASSERTS THIS SEEMS LEAST THAT CAN BE DONE; BUT UNHCR EFFORTS MUST NOT BECOME EXCUSE FOR LESS DIRECT US INTEREST IN TRIBESMEN WHO WERE OUR "CHIEF ALLY" IN CLANDESTINE LAOS ADVENTURE.

10. INDONESIA

CSM CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER GORDON CONVERSE HAS TWO-PAGE SPREAD ON DECORATIVE WOOD CARVINGS, MASSIVE STONE TEMPLES IN BALI, WHICH HELD OUT AS HINDU HAVEN FOR REFUGEES FROM OTHER ISLANDS DISPLACED BY ADVANCE OF ISLAM FOUR CENTURIES AGO.

11. CHINA

CSM'S SAIKOWSKI (8/20) GIVES IMPRESSIONS ABOUT WOMEN FROM HER ASNE VISIT. STATES MAO HAS GIVEN WOMEN'S LIFE UNCLASSIFIED

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"NEW DIGNITY", YET NOTES ONLY 1 FEMALE POLITBURO MEMBER. CHINESE CONCEDE MEN STILL NEED REEDUCATING, AS TRADITIONS WHICH SUBJUGATE WOMEN RUN DEEP. BELIEVES CHARGES THAT PRC DESTROYING FAMILY LIFE UNFOUNDED, WITH 2 GENERATIONS LIVING IN SAME HOUSEHOLD QUITE COMMON. EGALITARIAN DRESS EMPHASIZES "AUSTERE, MONOTONOUS" APPEARANCE OF PEOPLE--SOMETHING WHICH REMAINS "DOMINANT IMPRESSION" OF PRC VISITOR. MAW

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